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organization, Sung K'ung-chang, member of the standing committee, and other special agents. The plans of these leaders to incite an insurrection among 70 villages on the border of Chien-hsi and Ning-sh'eng hsien in April 1949 were discovered and they were captured before their plans could be fulfilled. The reactionary leadership of these superstitious organizations continually cause false rumors, extortion of the people's wealth, seduction of women, hindrance to production, and destruction of communications. There is no evil they will not commit.

A recent editorial in the Tung-pai Jih-pao stated that the control and use of these feudalistic organizations by KMT special agents for destructive purposes has become an outstanding feature. They enroll landlords caught in the struggles of land reform, wealthy farmers and roving bandits, as prominent members of these feudalistic societies, and take advantage of the superstitions of the masses to deceive them into joining. Judging from their organization and activities, these feudalistic organizations have long ceased to be religious societies and have become merely tools of the KMT special agents.

"As for ordinary religious organizations," the editorial continued, "if they obey the laws of the People's Government and refrain from engaging in seditious activities, the People's Government will permit them to continue and to exercise their religious freedom. However, any religious organization that permits itself to be used by imperialists and KMT special agents, or engages, under cover of a religious front, in the destructive activities of the special agents, will be rigorously prohibited and restrained by the authorities."

The editorial set forth the policies of the People's Government toward the management of these feudalistic societies by saying that the People's Government wanted to deal according to law with all those leaders and prominent members of these societies who willingly lend themselves to the nefarious activities of American imperialists and KMT agents. As for the great bulk of citizens who have ignorantly been snared in these organizations, the government should educate them to understand the political implications of these feudalistic societies and withdraw from them. If they do so, the government will extend leniency to them.

Finally, the editorial called upon all the people of the Northeast to arouse themselves, become aware of the schemes of the KMT special agents, and pledge themselves to support increase in production and reconstruction.

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